

SIR BRANCH 146
BEC MEETING MINUTES
9:01 to 10:30 A.M
August 11, 2020

Note: Due to COVID-19 virus, SIR luncheon cancelled; BEC meeting held via conference call

Branch 146 Executive Committee for 2020

Big SIR	Brad Hatcher
Little SIR	Richard Hockenbrock
Secretary	Jerry Kaplan
Treasurer	George Mon
Assistant Secretary	Larry Kaye
Assistant Treasurer	Ross Abbott
Directors (2nd Year)	Milt Smith (Travel), Brian McCarthy (Sunshine), Ron Lew (Membership)
Directors (1st Year)	Paul Beretz (Recruitment), Peter Plante (Publicity) Bob Lucido*

**See discussion below (Item 1.c)*

All officers and directors were present. Also in attendance were several committee chairs: Bob Lucido - Activities Coordinator, Walt Busenius, Doug Eisner and Jim Burk - Honorees, Bruce Borgman – Couples Dining Out and Song SIRs, Rich Lyon – Luncheon Chair, and Jonathan Korfhage, Nominating Committee. Bob Wilkenfeld, a 2021 BEC member nominee was also present as was Roy Hodgkinson, State Treasurer. See Attachment #1 for a full list of attendees. The minutes of the July 7, 2020 regular BEC meeting minutes were approved (M by Larry, S-Brian Mc.) Unanimous with no changes (Attachment #2). The agenda was reviewed; Brad added a discussion for replacement of Paul Masta as a director for 2021. (Attachment #3)

1. BIG SIR’S REPORT- Brad Hatcher

- a) Discussed date, time for luncheon meeting rehearsal - Tomorrow at 10:00 am and also at end of today’s meeting.
- b) Ed Benson (State Sir President) is finishing out his term this year. Jim Johnson, the current State VP will likely be the next State president. Roy Hodgkinson from Branch 146 will probably continue as State Treasurer. Brad noted that Stu Williams (Napa) is expected to be the State VP.
- c) Voting for 2021 Branch 146 officers will be at the Thursday Zoom meeting. One change: Paul Masta has declined and Bob Lucido agreed to be his replacement. The Board voted to approve Bob for 2021 and also to fill the vacant Director position for the remainder of 2020. LarryK made motion to approve, Ron L seconded. Unanimous
- d) A possible Sir group for Singles was discussed. Brad noted that a subcommittee will be formed to follow-up. RoyH suggested including some items relevant to the new group in the newsletter. The committee will discuss.

2. LITTLE SIR’S REPORT - Richard Hockenbrock

- a) Discussed December luncheon. It’s usually attended by spouses/SO’s, but with Covid, cannot meet in person. Some proposed skipping meeting. RonL suggested showing a video or slide show that may be of interest, with wives/SO’s invited to join members on Zoom. RoyH suggested that during Zoom meetings, invite women/SO’s, invite them into breakout rooms, and then they can enjoy the speakers, etc. RichardH may survey the membership to solicit input regarding a December meeting.
- b) RAMP members for 2021. GeorgeM will be the 2021 membership chair. Richard Lyon will continue his Luncheon Chair duties as well as become Assistant Secretary. Other RAMP positions: TonyG will be asked if he will continue as Member Relations chair. RossA noted that Luncheon Chair position could be quite involved if and when we are able to restart luncheons.
- c) Speakers for Oct, Nov, and Dec are being pursued. May have Hospice speaker in October. Possibility the Devil Mountain Chorus could provide a Holiday clip to play (PeterP will check into). Suggestion made that we could show a TED talk of interest. PeterP will ask Danville Vets for a possible speaker for the November meeting.

3. SECRETARY’S REPORT - Jerry Kaplan

No report

4. TREASURER'S REPORT –George Mon

- a) Reported 294 members with \$34,012 in the bank.
- b) Thirteen of 90 members have requested a full luncheon refund. Brad will remind members at the Thursday Zoom meeting that if they want to request a refund, they should do so before August 31st.
- c) Eight new members have not paid dues yet. Members joining in June or later owe half of annual dues. Brad will follow up.
- d) Two older members are shown as dues not paid for 2020. Richard will follow up.
- e) Working on 2021 budget and will be requesting budget requests from Activity Chairs and others.
- f) Monthly Treasurer's Report and Form 28 were accepted by the BEC. (Attachments #4 and #5)

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

5. ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR – Bob Lucido

- a) Working with other branches to share activities that both branches may be interested in. PeterP noted that Book Group is different than Book Corner.

6. BIOGRAPHIES & FISHING ACTIVITY REP - Paul Dubow (not present)

- a) Report submitted showed 218 biographies. Also noted that that many bio's are outdated and members should consider updating theirs. Edits should be submitted to Paul.

7. COMMUNICATIONS – SIR CALL - Richard Hockenbrock

- a) Richard noted in the latest SIRCall that he set a goal of 150 attendees at the upcoming meeting and requested responses as to why they were not attending. Only one person responded. Ross suggested that some members may not have sufficient computer skills to use Zoom.

8. GREETERS –No Chair as yet (no live meetings)

9. HISTORIAN - Gary Brown (not present)

No report

10. HONOREES –Jim Burk, Doug Eisner, Walt Busenius

- a) Gary Schaub will be honored at August meeting.

11. LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE - Rich Lyon

- a) Provided status on development of "one master list." Expects to have all info on Excel before end of year; it should put everything in one place for all members who need to access the data.

12. MEMBERSHIP - Ron Lew

- a) One new member added, Michael Bowne, bringing total membership to 295. Sponsored by Mark Curtis. Motion by RichardH, seconded LarryK. Unanimous approval of new member.
- b) Ron's membership report and Form 27 (final form) was provided to BEC prior to meeting. (Attachments #6 and #7)

13. MEMBER RELATIONS - Tony Greco (not present)

No report

14. NOMINATING COMMITTEE -Jonathan Korfhage (Attended part of meeting)

No report

15. PUBLICITY - Peter Plante

- a) Will publicize in the *Patch* and the *Nextdoor* platform about activities that are now available. Both 9 hole and 18 hole golf, cycling, hiking, RV Wanderers as well as several on-line activities: Hearts, Photography, a Book Group, and Cribbage. (Attachments #8)

16. RECRUITMENT - Paul Beretz

- a) Provided report on outcome of 280 postcard mail out to individuals on a list offered by State SIR. List focused on men in their 60's to 80's, with Walnut Creek addresses, etc. Mailed between July 20 and 25th. As of today, have

received no responses or phone calls. Cost to branch to date is \$405.50. 220 cards are still available. RoyH reported there was one response to the "We Are SIR" state website from someone in Walnut Creek. (Attachments #9)

- b) Some of the remaining cards will be distributed at locations where potential members may be present and/or visiting. LarryK suggested bike shops as a possible location (example-Sports Basement)

17. SUNSHINE - Brian McCarthy

- a) Two new members were added to sunshine list. Joe Suta and Jim Meeham. (Attachments #10)

18. TRAVEL - Milt Smith

- a) Discussed possible 2021 and 2022 trips. People are anxious to take land tours. Some cruise lines are gearing up for future trips. Possible cruises from San Francisco to Victoria as well as through the Panama Canal. Will provide further info in September.

19. WEBMASTER AND E-COMMUNICATIONS - Ron Plachy (not present)

No report

20. REPORTS FROM OTHER CHAIRS None

21. CHAIRMEN WISHING TIME ON TODAY'S LUNCHEON AGENDA? NO MEETING

22. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Status of BEC approved donations to Boundary Oak staff because of COVID job loss– still no response from BO on how to distribute.
- b) Cell phone numbers can be added to directory. Send to Ron Lew.

23. NEW BUSINESS

Suggestion to include meeting agenda when Zoom link to the meeting is emailed.

NEXT MEETING: September 10th BEC meeting (9:00 AM) will be on the same day as the Zoom Luncheon meeting.

ADJOURN at 10:30 AM.

Submitted **Jerry Kaplan, Branch Secretary, First draft by Larry Kaye, Assistant Secretary.**

DIGITAL ATTACHMENTS FILED [Can only be accessed using the link below] (may need to paste)

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